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EX-KING MICHAEL

WAR IN GREECE

Guerillas On Run

Athens, Dec. 30. — The Government today said that Greek reinforcements, striking from the Jannina area, had driven General Markos Vafthiades' guerillas from the hills south and southwest of besieged Konitsa and were smashing at the "iron ring" around the town.

The War Minister, M. George Siratos, said the Government counter-offensive was progressing "successfully and rapidly" and claimed that the guerillas south of Konitsa were retreating northward before an attack of the Eighth Division. He said the town defenders had repulsed all attacks, indicating that relief had not yet reached Konitsa itself.

A small force of about 700 men is fighting the town against attacks by some 3,000 guerillas headed by Markos himself and the townsmen have radioed urgent appeals for help.

SUPPLIES FROM AIR
Government Air Force planes, favoured by clear weather over the rugged hills of Northwest Greece, dropped food and other supplies to the isolated Konitsa defenders during the day.

M. Siratos said the advancing troops had cleared the strategic hilltops between Kalpaki and the Bourazani bridge and were advancing toward the Bourazani and Volodoni bridges, keys to the Konitsa approaches.

It was reported that the United Nations Balkan Commission observation team, including Col. A. C. Miller of the United States, had reached Kalpaki, 12 miles south of Konitsa, and planned to tour the front—United Press.

Singapore Piracy

Singapore, Dec. 30. — Masked pirates seized a small Chinese coastal vessel two miles off Singapore. They looted her of over US\$2,700 worth of coconut oil and escaped.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

A Missing Link

HONGKONG and Canton are at present linked by river, rail, air, radio and through the post offices. There should be a sixth line of communication—radio telephony. Before the war the two cities were able to communicate by trunk line, telephone—a service of enormous value to businessmen. Today the quickest method of contact is by cable. Hongkong and Manila can exchange calls by radio telephony and only the formal approval and only the formal approval from Lisbon is awaited to put a similar service into operation between the Colony and Macao. Why is Canton behind the times? The answer would appear, is simple. The Chinese authorities are insisting on receiving two-thirds of the total takings as they did under the pre-war agreement. But there is an important distinction which makes it necessary for the Hongkong authorities to demand a 50-50 sharing. The original telephony communication between Hongkong and Canton were by trunk lines, with Canton having to meet a bigger proportion of cable-laying and maintenance charges; hence it was agreed that Canton was entitled to a bigger share of the income. With radio telephony, however, the costs are equally borne and Hongkong, not unreasonably, adopts the attitude that takings should also be

King Michael's Abdication

BELIEVED CAUSED BY HIS ROMANCE

Rumanian Republic

London, Dec. 30.—King Michael, the 26-year-old monarch of Rumania, today signed away his throne and all Royal prerogatives left him by his exiled father, King Carol, and a "Popular Republic" was proclaimed in the Communist-dominated state.

An extraordinary session of the Rumanian Parliament tonight unanimously accepted the bill proclaiming Rumania a "People's Republic."

King Michael was known to have quarrelled with his Government over his romance with the 24-year-old Princess Anne, of Bourbon-Parma, but the proclamation announcing his abdication to the Rumanian people tonight gave the reason as the "deep political, economic and social changes" which had taken place in the past few years in Rumania.

His father abdicated under German pressure on September 6, 1940, after a chequered reign, during 20 years of which he was associated with the ill-fated King Carol. He finally married her in South America last July.

King Michael, the broadest announcement said, considered the monarchy to be "a serious obstacle on the road to the country's development," and the Government accepted this view.

The Rumanian Parliament, by ratifying the abdication, leaves the "stormy Balkans" with only one monarchy—in Greece—with only one monarch—in Greece today followed a few weeks after his visit to Britain for the wedding of Princess Elizabeth last month. It was during this visit that his name was first linked with Princess Anne, of Bourbon-Parma.

THE PEOPLE'S DESTINY

The Rumanian Government, in its proclamation on King Michael's abdication, told the Rumanian people that they had been given the freedom to choose for themselves a new form of State and had "taken their destiny into their own hands."

"The Rumanian people, liberated in 1944 from the yoke of Fascist conquerors and their servants, has taken its destiny in its own hands," the proclamation said.

"Heeded by a conscientious and resolute working class allied to an industrial peasantry, the Rumanian people have rejected the regime of the Boyars (the old land-owning families), punished traitors of the interests of the people and eliminated from the state administration all those who protected the interests of their enslavers."

"The Rumanian people have succeeded in installing a democratic regime."

"The monarchy represents an obstacle in the way of the development of our State towards a regime of the people's democracy, which guarantee to the working men of our country good material and cultural conditions as well as independence and the sovereignty of the Rumanian State."

"The abolition of the monarchy has opened magnificent prospects to our people's democracy."

"Workers, farmers, intellectuals, soldiers and officers, citizens! Let us raise to new heights the standard of life in our State—the Rumanian People's Republic, the Fatherland of all those who devote themselves to manual or intellectual work in our villages and in our cities."

The proclamation was signed by Dr. Petru Groza, the Rumanian Prime Minister, and all Under-Secretaries of State.

MICHAEL LEAVES CAPITAL

Rome Radio reported that King Michael was reported to have left Bucharest for an unknown destination tonight. A Reuter despatch from Bucharest stated that the 26-year-old monarch was tonight still in the Royal Palace in Bucharest with his mother, Princess Helen.

There was tonight an official indication as to what his new movement would be, but it was generally thought likely that he would be leaving Rumania shortly.

The news of the King's abdication came as a complete surprise to the Rumanian capital, but Bucharest was quiet tonight, Reuter despatches from the city stated.

Throughout the Nazi occupation of Rumania, King Michael was virtually a prisoner.

In this private life, he was reported to have been "infatuated" with the flamboyant daughter of an oil millionaire, whom Hitler would not allow him to marry.

He worked against his Ministers, who sent Rumanian divisions to fight with the Germans against the Russians.

On August 23, 1944, when the Russian armies had advanced to only 110 kilometres from his palace, King Michael led a coup d'etat by which the National Peasant, the Liberal, Socialist and Communist parties threw off the Fascist rule and united to hasten victory.

Afterwards, he worked to form a government acceptable equally to the Soviet Union and to the Western Allies. The Russians awarded him the Soviet Order of Victory.

THE KINGS DEPART

With his abdication, there is only one monarchy left in the Balkans—King Paul, of Greece, who succeeded his brother, George, in April this year.

Six kings in South-eastern Europe have abdicated or been deposed or expelled since 1939.

King Zog, of Albania, was driven out by the Italian invasion of his country at Easter, 1939.

King Michael's father, King Carol II, of Rumania, resigned under German pressure on September 6, 1940.

King Peter II, of Yugoslavia, was deposed on November 29, 1945, when the Yugoslav Constituent Assembly proclaimed a republic.

King Simion II, of Bulgaria, was deposed following a referendum in favour of a republic in September, 1946.

King Victor Emmanuel III, of Italy, abdicated in May, 1946. His son, Umberto, ceased to be King following referendum in favour of an Italian republic in June, 1946.—Reuter.

STEADFAST COURAGE



Mr R. G. G. Stanton, now First Officer of the Wing Sang, being decorated yesterday at Government House by His Excellency the Governor with the DSO, awarded him for "steadfast courage in the face of overwhelming odds in action between Singapore and Batavia in February, 1942," when he was acting as First Lieutenant of the Li Wo.—Francis Wu.

New Year's Holiday

Tomorrow, being New Year's Day, the Telegraph will not be published.

Publication will be resumed on Friday.

The South China Morning Post will publish tomorrow, but not on Friday. Publication will resume on Saturday.

FIGHTING IN MUKDEN

Nanking, Dec. 30.—Fierce street fighting is reported to be raging in the suburbs of Mukden, according to usually reliable source in Nanking tonight.

Earlier today, the Vice-Minister of National Defence, General Lin Wei, presented a two-hour report to the Executive Yuan on the military situation in Manchuria in general and Mukden in particular.

Neutral military observers in Nanking tonight were not alarmed over the startling news as they maintained that the Government's position in Manchuria is precarious as shown by the strict press censorship imposed in Mukden last Friday.

Another source claims that when the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Manchuria, General Chen Tung-kuo, was in Nanking last week, he suggested to high military authorities here that Nationalist forces should be withdrawn from both Changchun and Kirin to reinforce the garrison at Mukden.

This recommendation was rejected by the authorities who decided that without Changchun and Kirin, the Manchurian capital of Mukden would be untenable.—Reuter.—AAP.

Salaries Report Tomorrow

It was officially announced this morning that a statement concerning the decision of the Secretary of State on the Salaries Commission's recommendations is in the course of preparation and will be published in the papers tomorrow.

LABOUR TURNS DOWN WALLACE

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Political Action Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations—one of America's two major labour organisations—today rejected Mr. Henry Wallace, the former Vice-President, as presidential candidate for a third party.

"It has been the policy of this Committee not to support a third party in 1948," the Committee declared.

The CIO's Executive Board is to meet here in late January to "discuss more fully the entire political scene and outline plans for the 1948 campaign," the Committee said. "Undoubtedly, the third party question will be one of the items on the agenda."

Another important Liberal group, the "Americans for Democratic Action," which includes many of the former Roosevelt Cabinet Ministers, today issued a statement condemning Mr. Wallace's move as a "depressing invitation to disaster."

PROGRAMME CHALLENGED
The statement was signed, among others, by Mr. Franklin Roosevelt, Junior, and two former Cabinet officers, Mr. Wilson Wyatt and Mr. Leon Henderson.

"This statement claimed that the most fateful issues confronting America were the fulfilment of the Marshall plan and the 'stabilisation of our inflation-ridden economy at home.'"

"An unholy alliance of Communists and reactionaries is challenging that programme," it said.

Referring to the "ruthless political actualities which inspire a third party movement at this time," the statement added: "Irrespective of Mr. Wallace's intentions, the goals of his sponsors are clear."

"They hope to divide the progress, create national confusion and ensure the triumph of reactionary isolationism in 1948."—Reuter.

UNRRA's US\$372,453,000 Aid To China

Washington, Dec. 30.—The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration today disclosed that it had spent US\$372,453,000, excluding medical aid, for postwar relief and reconstruction in China.

The figures were given in a message from Maj-Gen Lowell W. Rooks, UNRRA Director General, to the Chinese government on the eve of the withdrawal of UNRRA Mission from China. General Rooks wrote: "The UNRRA programme included US\$133,251,000 for food supplies, which we believe helped materially to alleviate starvation and suffering in food-deficient areas in China. "We have high hopes that good crops from now on will further alleviate the situation, especially with the introduction of agricultural machinery and fertilizers under the agricultural programme."

"On the rehabilitation side, the UNRRA programme included US\$100,742,000 for rehabilitation of industrial enterprises and transportation and US\$72,400,000 for agricultural rehabilitation."

General Rooks did not give the figure for the medical programme, which included the flight by special plane of a number of consignments of urgently needed medicine serums to avert epidemics."

The Director General added that the China operation was one of the most complex handled by UNRRA due to the nation's eight years of enemy occupation and the complete disruption of transportation.—United Press.

Jerusalem:—Three British policemen were killed in Jerusalem today, it was officially reported. One was killed outright and a second died later of wounds when unknown assailants threw a hand-grenade and opened automatic fire in Agrippa's Way, in the heart of the Jewish quarter.

A third fell under a hail of Arab bullets while on escort duty at the

funeral of a Jewish doctor, Hugo Lehrs, who was killed by Arabs on the outskirts of the city two days ago.

Lifta—Haganah, the Jewish defence force, claimed that three night raiders killed at least two Arabs and demolished one house in a punitive attack with mortars and Bren guns on the Arab village of Lifta, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, early today.

Gaza—Armed Arabs looted two wagons of flour when they laid up a train in Deir El Balah railway station in Gaza, southern Palestine; it was officially reported.

The train was going from Kantara, Egypt, to Lydda.

Competent observers in Jerusalem today suggested that the intensification of communal fighting throughout the country might lead to a postponement of the withdrawal of the British civil administration from Palestine, due-to-be-completed by May 15.

The British forces might be compelled to remain at their posts, it was suggested, so that the United Nations Commission would not be faced with chaotic conditions when taking over.

VIOLENCE INCREASES
Since the United Nations partition decision, there has been a gradual spread of increased violence, with heavy loss of life on both sides, which has indicated that the British forces and the civil administration may be compelled to remain at their posts in an endeavour to ease the situation.

The Palestine Government is known to have tried to mediate between the warring Arabs and Jews, on the grounds that continued strife is seriously detrimental to the future of Palestine.

Although following out a policy of complete impartiality, the efforts to reach some form of truce have been unsuccessful, as has been indicated by the recent upsurge of violence.

The Government, the police and the army—operating today under cross-fire from both sides—are doing all in their power to keep essential services running, as well as to guarantee the distribution of food and essential supplies throughout the troubled Holy Land.

In this apparently thankless task, numbers of British lives have been lost, but both Arabs and Jews continue to accuse the British of favouritism to the other side. British troops and police have drawn up plans for greater protection of convoys travelling inland from the coast, which are under constant attack, but there is no doubt that the security forces are stretched to the limit, as clashes are occurring all over the country.—Reuter.

TROOPS CHARGE
Steel helmeted troops of the cruck British cavalry regiment, the Third Hussars, charged into the centre of the riot, but did not disperse the fighters until the casualty role reached the highest figure for any day since the partition was announced.

Official estimates tonight said that 41 Jews were killed and seven wounded, with six Arabs dead and 42 wounded.

The barrel bombs which precipitated the riot were said to be similar in type to the one which killed 13 Arabs and wounded more than 30 at the Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, yesterday.

A stiff fight is anticipated in some quarters when the two blockade-runners, the Pan York and Pan Crescent, arrive with nearly 12,000 visasless immigrants on board.

The ships, described as the best-nitted immigrant vessels yet seen by doctors who helped to examine them at the Bosphorus control point of Buyukdere, are now being shadowed through the Aegean Sea by units of the Royal Navy, a Reuter despatch from Athens stated today.

Other troubles reported in Palestine today included:

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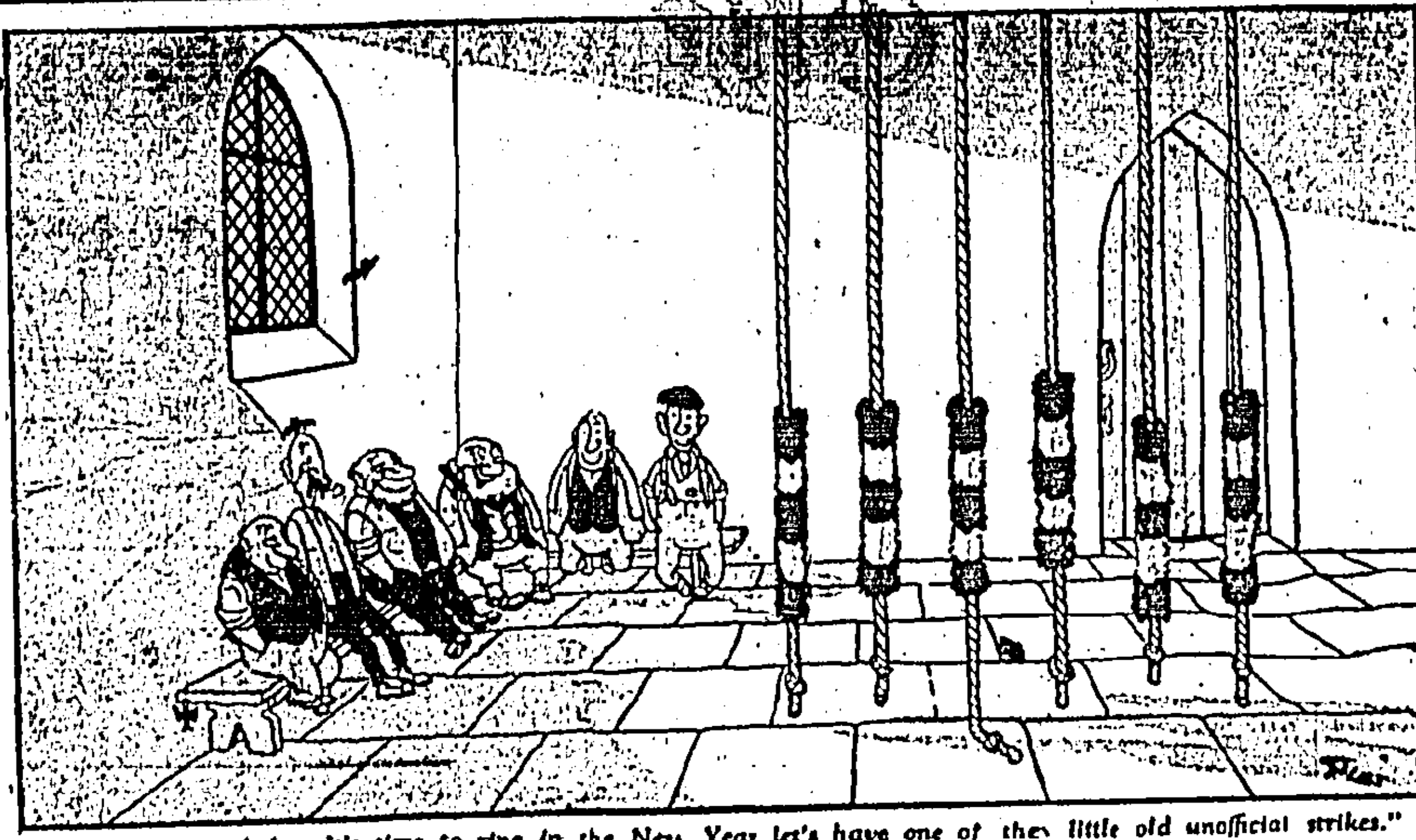
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by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

This is the second in the series of profound articles dealing with the development of Modern Man by Women, Children and Dogs. Ladies and Gentlemen (and children and dogs, too, if they like), N. Gubbins, Esq., presents How To Endure Children.

THE days when children were seen and not heard, or heard once and socked hard, are over.

These are the days when fathers are seen and not heard. It won't be long before they're socked by their sons and daughters if they don't behave themselves.

Already they are verbally socked by women if they offer any criticism of their child. If they physically sock the woman and the children, which is the normal, natural thing to do, they are socked before a magistrate who socks them for a fine or 14 days or both with a lot of silly remarks thrown in.

Years later it may be the same magistrate who sentences the un-socked child, now a young hooligan, to 14 days in the clink.

If the wretched father is still alive he will be blamed and severely censured by this magistrate for not bringing his children up properly.

So you can see that whereas mothers and children and magistrates have rights (and even dogs have some) fathers have no rights at all.

The purpose of this article is to show you how to make the best of your miserable condition.

Morning

MAYBE you want to read the paper on Sunday morning? Your father read the paper. So did your grandfather and probably his father before him.

But they lived in the days before it was discovered that children must have free expression; the days before every housewife had heard about psycho-analysis and babbled about complexes; the days before it was believed that if a child wasn't allowed to smash everything on the breakfast table it would grow up into an inhibited lunatic, determined to smash everything in the world.

When your grandfather wanted to read the paper he read the paper. If anybody smashed anything at the breakfast table there were a couple of sharp cracks, a couple of yelps, and dead silence.

Your grandfather went on reading the paper. It will be entirely different, despite the fact that crockery is now much more expensive and hard to come by.

When your small son (shall we call the little beast Eric?)—when your small son wants to express his horrid nature by banging his spoon on the porridge plate until he breaks it, you must do anything about it, even though you are in the middle of one of those illuminating leading articles.

You must give up reading the paper and maybe give up eating your breakfast, too, while Eric throws knives and forks on the floor.

If by any chance your repressed snook asserts itself and your wife thinks you have lost your reason, that very evening she will write to her mother:—

"Albert (that's you) hit Eric today. Of course, I know the war's

responsible for a lot, but do you think Albert's gone mad?"

Little Eric will know about this letter (they know everything), and from that moment he will also know he has got you just where he wants you.

Afternoon

ONE of the places where little Eric wants you is in the armchair after Sunday dinner.

In that position you can be used for something to sit on, something to kick, something to wipe sticky fingers (and even noses) on, and something to bounce a ball against. You can also be used as a mountain, a small scenic railway (without the scenery), a horse, or a punching bag.

Of course, your grandfather would have put up with this for about 15 seconds, if he put up with it at all. After that there would have been another smack, another yelp, and silence for the rest of the afternoon.

But you? You must endure it during little Eric's pleasure unless you want to be considered a sadist or a homicidal maniac. "A Hitler in the home" is the favourite expression.

For the same reason you must, without protest, have your eyes forcibly opened if you try to sleep, the same sticky fingers pushed up your nostrils ("Fingers Up Your Nose" is a favourite game among little Eric's), and maybe your ears pulled like a couple of bell ropes.

Almost certainly your shoes will be untied and your socks removed. You will be lucky to have your trousers on by tea-time.

Tea-time will be much the same as breakfast-time except that you won't be trying to read the paper. You will have given that up as hopeless.

In order that little Eric may not grow up wanting to throw bombs at somebody he will have to throw bombs at you.

And in case he might want to shoot someone when he reaches manhood he will have to work it out of his system by firing bread pellets at you.

Never at his mum, of course. She sits there laughing. Little Eric was always full of fun. Just like her funny father.

After tea you must be a horse again (this time on your hands and knees), or a bear, or even a lion with a proper roar, if your tonials will stand it.

Unrestricted bolsterousness at these games will prevent your son growing up into a jockey, a zoo-keeper looking after the bears, or a lion tamer.

Evening

IN grandfather's time (sorry to bring the old man up again) little boys went to bed after tea. But not little Eric.

If little Eric goes to bed too early he can't sleep and therefore howls. If he goes to bed too late he is overtired and howls just the same.

The only way, except grandfather's way, of getting him to bed without more than one howl, is for you to be a horse again, this time up the stairs.

But first of all he must be allowed to express his genius.

Perhaps you didn't know it, but every little boy born these days is a genius. That is to say, no ordinary little boys are born at any time in Great Britain.

And if you dare to suggest that little Eric is an ordinary little boy, and a rather plain one at that, then you are an unnatural father, taking a sadistic pleasure in criticising your own children. A Hitler in the home, in fact.

Expression

LITTLE Eric may be a great artist. Therefore he must be allowed to give free expression to his talents before he goes to bed.

Otherwise, he may grow up a raving lunatic, which seems quite likely to you in any case.

He must be allowed to draw all over everything for as long as he likes—over books, your private papers if you're fool enough, and any in your pockets, the newspaper, you hoped you might be allowed to read after supper, even over the walls.

Or little Eric—may be a great writer, usually "another Dickens." Roughly about 100,000 little boys are born "another Dickens" almost every year.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

MAJOR ROLLING, J.P., dashed into the Wagging Parva police station yesterday morning in a state of great excitement.

He reported that, while gathering seeds among the rocks on the shore near Blacklion Point, he had heard queer sounds, muffled and indistinct, like voices under the earth. He concluded that the Moormen were trying to send a message to Wagging Parva. "What is the charge?" asked the sleepy Sergeant, who had just heard a word. The Major repeated his story. He said that the sounds were intermittent, and he would not swear that they were not coming from the upper air.

"Seagulls," said Sergeant Bulkey laconically. "It was more like human voices," said the Major. "Boys in the Blacklion caves," said the Sergeant. "I looked in the caves," said the Major. "There was nobody there."

"Sergeant Bulkey in action" "ARE you hinting that there's been a murder?" asked Sergeant Bulkey, whose brain was working slowly. "I am not," said the Major. "But queer noises need investigating."

While one respects his opinions and the sincerity with which he expresses them, one has to admit that he is an accused foot to try to write at all. Or thus:

Much as he respected the honourable Member, he continued, and though he yielded to none in his admiration for him, he felt bound to observe that a dirtier rat never crawled the floor of the House.

RUSSIA UNLIKELY TO GIVE CHINESE REDS ALL-OUT AID

BY MILES W. VAUGHN

SOVIET Russia is not likely to intervene in force to assist the Chinese Communists in Manchuria and North China should the United States announce a programme of extensive military assistance to the Nanking Government designed to smash the Chinese Red troops. This is the opinion of high American and Chinese officials with whom I have talked recently.

It is generally agreed that the Russians have been giving the Chinese Communists only limited military assistance thus far, and Russia is not in a position at this

time to risk an all-out conflict with the United States for the control of Eastern Asia. And the control of Eastern Asia, it is emphasised, is precisely what is at stake—just as it was at stake when Japan seized Manchuria and developed it as a base for aggression in China Proper and Southeast Asia.

Russia, in the opinion of the same officials, still lacks most of the essentials for modern warfare. Her experts may possibly have some theoretical knowledge of how to make the atomic bomb, but they cannot actually make one because of the lack of a vast number of resources necessary for such a project.

Russia has no navy worth mentioning, and it is recalled that no great wars were ever won without control of the sea. Her industrial establishment is still more of a pigmy compared with that of the United States. Her communications system in Siberia is utterly inadequate to supply any great number of troops in Manchuria and North China provinces.

It is recalled that Russia retreated and entered into neutrality and non-aggression agreements when she faced the threat of superior military might from Germany and Japan, and it is believed that Russia will again retreat if she faces the threat of a superior military force from the United States and China.

Jap Equipment

THE Russians unquestionably have supplied the Chinese Communist army great quantities of arms and ammunition and other military supplies surrendered to them by the Japanese in Manchuria and North Korea, her informants stated, and it is believed that they are still running in limited supplies on Soviet ships plying between Vladivostok and the Soviet-controlled port of Dairen, in South Manchuria.

They have not been giving the Chinese Communists, however, any supplies or equipment which may be needed by Russian-armed forces.

It is recognised that Russia would, of course, start a tremendous propaganda barrage if the United States announced any programme of extensive military aid to China, but the United States and China would be in an excellent position to reply. They could stress, among other things, the fact that Russia utterly ignored those parts of the Yalta agreement designed to keep Manchuria open to all nations, that Russia still maintains an iron curtain around the South Manchurian port of Dairen, and that Russia repeatedly flouted provisions of the Sino-Russian treaty of 1945 on the obviously flimsy pretext that a "state of war" still existed between Japan and the Allies.

Bluff and Bluster

SOME informants suggested that the United States and China start an immediate diplomatic offensive against the Soviet Union in the United Nations by filing a formal declaration with the UN that Russia's actions in Manchuria constitute "a threat to peace."

Russia is guilty of the "gravest and most flagrant violations of her solemn privileges with regard to Manchuria," one official said. "She is wide open for a diplomatic offensive in the United Nations."

An American military expert, emphasising that the United States now has adequate munitions and other supplies in possession of its Far East command to outfit 15 Chinese divisions at once, estimated that the Chinese Communist armed forces could be crushed in a quick campaign long before Russia could assemble men and materials to intervene, even if she wanted to do so.

It is believed that Russia's position in the Far East is based on a policy of "bluff and bluster," with very little real military force to support it in the event of a showdown.—United Press.

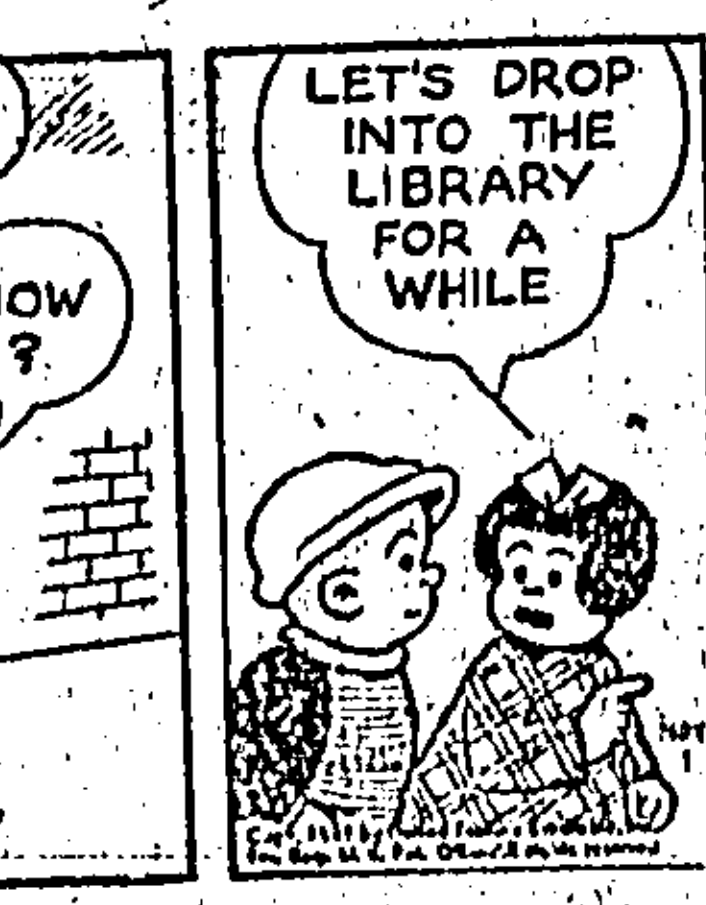
"Nervous Frog"

A "nervous" frog with orange-coloured skin is among the London Zoo's new acquisitions from the Moscow Zoo.

The keepers say that it is so nervous among strangers that it lies down, folds its front legs and signs death.—Associated Press.

By Ernie Bushmiller

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It is important to go over your food and diet plans. If you are overweight, record your weight now. Then start a sensible Food Control plan. Of course, if you don't feel well, consult your physician. If you are underweight, the above advice is for you, also.

A set of exercises should be pinned to your work sheet.

Study your skin, your hair, your contour, then set to work. Deep cleansing for skin beautification and improvement, new makeup colours which will "do something" for your own special skin and hair colour. Get a new outlook on life—read books which will give you a new slant and provide food for thought as well as for conversation.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Very often you just haven't time to change your makeup. But you can refresh your skin and get a fresh glow! Wrap an ice cube in a bit of damp cotton. Sprinkle this with skin freshener or toilet water. Rub over throat and face. Press the perfumed ice cube over the closed eyelids. Press cosmetic tissues over throat and face, then pat on face powder. Brush off excess. A little Accent with your lipstick—and there you are!

GLITTER GOWN



Long sleeves, full skirt and its tulle front covered with glittering sequins... smoky pink wool dinner dress from the Michael Sheppard collection.

Distress Brings Gain To Indian Racketeers

Lush new black market fields were opened by communal rioting and fighting in Kashmir, writes Associated Press correspondent Milton Kelly.

The eruption of fierce communal fighting caused acute shortages of food and other necessities. To those complaints were added the voices of opium smokers, who said their normal supply sources had been upset. Black marketeers took advantage of the situation.

Opium smoking is illegal in both dominions, but there are many addicts.

Safety and access to safety have become recognised black market commodities. Statisticians of the Tax and Customs in India recently made pointed comment that a governmental crackdown was in order.

BEREAVED FAMILY'S PEACE MOVE

Because Capt. John Putnam, Jr., was shot down on his 52nd mission over Europe during the war, his sorrowing family has started a peace movement. It is gathering public support in America.

The peace movement, known as World Security Workers, has gained support of many leading citizens in different parts of the country. Dr. Albert Einstein is one of the supporters, its promoters claim.

The idea of world security workers, a crusade to create a mass demand for the establishment of world government, was born in the family of John B. Putnam, a Cleveland attorney.

After the death of John, Jr., the family felt it must do something to prevent a repetition of warfare. Out of months of discussion with civic leaders, World Security Workers emerged.

World Government

The organisation advocates centralised world government with law and a military arm to enforce its decision upon the nations, but has no blueprint of the form such a government should take. It is meant to serve only as an instrument through which millions of people, wanting an orderly world, can make themselves heard by their government leaders, according to the founders.

The Putnams believe that when the swell of sentiment becomes impelling enough, extending through the U.S. and eventually that world, national leaders cannot resist the demand for the establishment of a world government.

Formidable Wall

"If Russia, at first, does not cure to come along," said Mrs. Putnam, who runs the organisation's office here, "she'll find herself behind a wall of people far more impenetrable than the iron curtain."

"There has always been a government for war. Now we'll have world government for peace with rules so strong that nobody can upset us again."

Membership in World Security Workers is accomplished by signing a pledge to give active support to the cause of world government. There are no dues.

QUONSET HUT MONASTERY

What may be the first monastery ever constructed of Quonset huts is to be built in Huntsville, Utah, for the Catholic order of Cistercians, or Trappist fathers.

Four Quonset huts will comprise the monastery, built in a 170-foot square, with a bell tower and cross rising 71 feet.

This will be the fifth monastery of the order in the United States. The others are in Kentucky, Iowa, Georgia and Rhode Island.

Check Your Knowledge

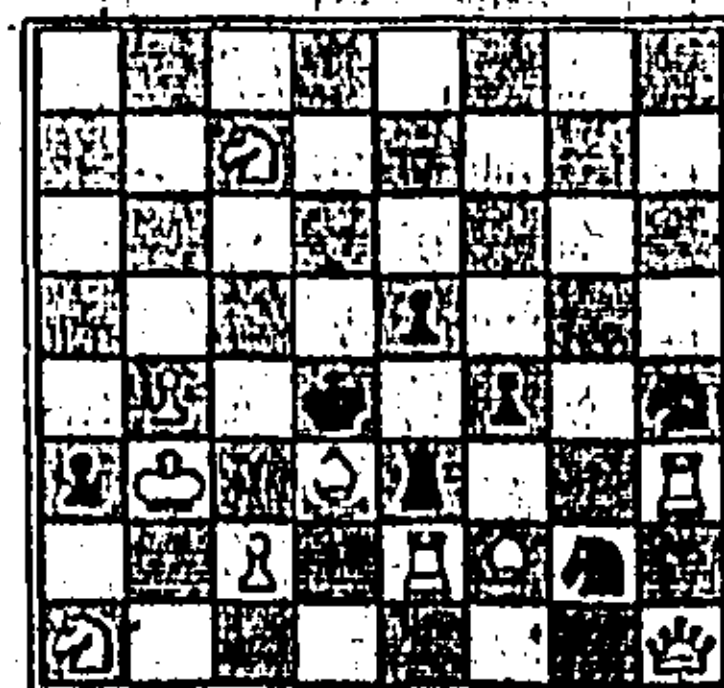
1. Locate the Channel Islands.
2. Denmark, Switzerland and Wisconsin, U.S.A. specialise in what cattle products?
3. Name the author of "Doctor Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."
4. What are founding hospitals?
5. The caribou is found mainly in what region?
6. Where was Rudyard Kipling born?

(Answers on Page 4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black: 1 piece



White: 10 pieces. Black: 1 piece. Solution to yesterday's problem.

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Comet Splits Into Two

London, Dec. 30.—The new comet, 1947 IV, is reported to have split into two sections, which are now 1,200 miles apart and going different ways.

This report is made by Copenhagen Observatory, but scientists at Greenwich Observatory have seen no signs of the split.

People at Plymouth and in Jersey and the Solly Isles reported seeing the comet last night. It was visible for about seven minutes.

The Plymouth observers declared they saw a bright star, orange in colour. Solly Isles inhabitants said that the comet was low on the horizon at a few minutes past six.

A member of the Cambridge Solar Physics Observatory, however, says that the people probably were mistaken.—Reuter.

GRIM FLOOD SPECTRE IN W. EUROPE

London, Dec. 30.—France sought emergency credits to-night to cope with the vast floods which have rendered more than 1,000 persons homeless and plunged many large northeastern towns into darkness.

The principal rivers in Western Europe are in spate and still rising. The Rhine and its tributaries have overflowed at many points, bringing shipping to a standstill and threatening the homes of basement dwellers in Cologne and other towns of Germany.

The French Council of Ministers decided to ask the National Assembly to vote supplementary credits, where necessary, for areas affected by the flooding, which left many large cities without heat and light.

River authorities are reported to be working "all-out" to minimise the threat to life and property.

Eighteen tons of food from the "Friendship Train," which brought the voluntary gifts to France from America, are to be sent to flooded areas of Eastern France.

Collar Dwellers Move

In Germany, families living in the cellars of wrecked houses in Cologne's old city are moving out as a safety precaution while the Rhine rises steadily.

Road traffic across the Rhine is obstructed by a partial collapse of the "Freemant" bridge near Dueseldorf when flood water swept a string of barges against one of the piers.

Considerable floods were also reported today from the Rhine's tributaries.

In the Cologne area, 50 vessels are immobilised.

Five French departments worst affected, are in the basins of the Meurthe and the Moselle rivers, where low-lying farms vanished under water.

Local military formations are carrying out rescue operations.

Flooding in the Bas Rhin department, on the German frontier, is the worst for 50 years.—Reuter.

Factory Shipped To China

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The components parts of a small arms factory have been shipped from Canada to China as part of a \$10,000,000 deal between the two countries for Canadian military equipment.

Mosquito bombers, ammunition for the planes, and landing ground equipment are also included in the deal, which developed from the 1945 mutual aid agreement, it was disclosed.

The small arms ammunition making equipment included machine tools, power tools and presses.

When assembled, it would be able to produce 303 bullets, used chiefly in the Lee-Enfield rifle and certain medium machine guns.

It would also be able to turn out nine millimetre bullets used in Sten guns and in the new Canadian automatic pistol.—Reuter.

P And O Ships Returning

London, Dec. 30.—Six more passenger liners of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company are expected to be back in regular service by the end of next summer.

These six ships will be in addition to two vessels which are now running on the service from Britain to India and Australia and from Britain to India and the Far East respectively.

The Strathairn leaves London for Australia next Friday on her first postwar voyage as a reconditioned passenger liner.

The six vessels are the Mooltan, Maldia, Ranchi, Chitral, Carthage and the Corfu. The Ranchi and Chitral will take emigrants to Australia.—Reuter.

INDIA TO TAKE KASHMIR CASE TO UNITED NATIONS

London, Dec. 30.—India will ask the United Nations Security Council for judgment on the Kashmir issue if Pakistan does not, within the next few days, respond to India's request that the raiders be withdrawn from that state, it is reliably learned in New Delhi.

India has not, however, given Pakistan any specific deadline which would amount to an ultimatum, authoritative quarters stated.

India's decision to refer the Kashmir dispute to the Security Council is entirely proper and legal, according to United Nations legal counsellors at Lake Success tonight.

The hope was expressed, however, that conciliation can still be effected between both parties.

According to Article 34 of the Charter, any state can bring to the attention of the Council "any dispute or any situation which might lead to international friction or determine whether the continuance of a dispute or a situation is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security."

But legal experts at Lake Success point out that the preceding article of the Charter also recommends to states to seek first of all a solution of any dispute by negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration or judicial settlement before bringing it to the Security Council.

Not Exhausted

If all such measures fail—and there is a feeling here that conciliation has not been entirely exhausted—then nothing is left but to debate the issue in the Security Council.

Although experience has shown that the Security Council is too

often unable to take positive action in political disputes, informed United Nations observers feel more optimistic about the Kashmir case, as it would appear on the surface that there are no big power interests involved and no ideological or political aspects to the dispute.

It is therefore, confidently expected at the headquarters of the United Nations that the Security Council may reach a solution acceptable to both parties, though not necessarily satisfying to either.

The United Nations has not as yet been informed officially of the dispute, and it is not regarded likely by United Nations observers that the case could start at Lake Success before the end of January at the earliest.

If the Kashmir issue comes before the Council, it is expected in London, quarters that United Kingdom representatives will be prepared to give support to any proposal calculated to bring the earliest possible settlement of the problem which would avoid unilateral action by the Government of India.

British Anxiety

This is the first point which emerges from the news that India has declared her intention of laying a complaint against Pakistan over the Kashmir problem.

Authoritative London quarters tonight confirm that the Government of India has now informed the United Kingdom Government of its intentions.

The British Government, much concerned about the Kashmir situation, is known to be anxious to assist in measures likely to achieve a peaceful settlement between India and Pakistan.

No doubt every possible step would be taken to ensure the earliest possible hearing of the Government of India's complaint and Pakistan's own appreciation of the situation and her reply to the specific charges made by the Government of India.

There will, doubtless, be a generous desire to avoid any lengthy process of argument and counter-argument that might delay a peaceful and friendly settlement.

Equally, if the matter is to be raised before the Security Council, there will be a desire to defer any action that might be prejudicial to an amicable outcome of the dispute.

Britain, as has been underlined time and again, like her Commonwealth sisters, has no status in the matter beyond that of a sympathetic observer, and no one questions the right of the Government of India to place the Kashmir issue before the Council, or the propriety of its action in so doing.

Price of Independence

In some British political quarters tonight, however, there was a disposition to recall that the subcontinent of India, during her long struggle for independence, is always tended to resent anything in the nature of outside advice or arbitration.

The division of India into two dominions has been the inevitable price of independence, but to many sympathetic observers in London, the interests of India and Pakistan seem to be so closely bound up with one another politically and economically that it is impossible to think of the two nations looking over each other's frontiers as foreigners, let alone as enemies.

Many people throughout the Commonwealth would hail as an act of supreme statesmanship a friendly settlement achieved directly by India and Pakistan.—Reuter.

Kina Survivors Latest

The East Asiatic Company Hongkong agents for the typhoon-destroyed Kina, announced this morning that they had received information from Manila that nine survivors of the Kina beyond the 29 now in Manila.

These survivors have been sent to hospital for a check-up, but all are reported to be in good health.

Air Crew Saved

New York, Dec. 30.—Two civilian Alaskan bush pilots, flying light planes, have rescued six members of the crew of a Superfortress which crashed on a mountainside some 93 miles north of Nome, Alaska, on December 23, radio reports here said today.

One of the pilots, Mr. William Muntz, landed four survivors, and the other pilot, Mr. Frank Whaley, two at Nome.

Two other members of the Superfortress crew were not at the scene of the crash but were believed to be still alive.

The rescuers said the other members of the crew had left the scene of the crash in search for aid before the Superfortress was located by search planes on December 27.—Reuter.

Philosopher Dead

Cambridge, Massachusetts, Dec. 30.—Alfred North Whitehead, 86, internationally known philosopher, died today of a cerebral haemorrhage.—Associated Press.

DAB & FLOUNDER by WALTER



Decision On Japanese Reparations Felt Near

Tokyo, Dec. 30.—The final United States stand on the Japanese reparations question and future industrial level appears to be closer to definition today with the announcement that a group of American experts have departed for the United States after coming to Japan to study industrial conditions.

The reparations question is one of the hottest facing the Japanese today along with the exact industrial levels to be permitted—and what exact plants will be left intact.

An Allied Headquarters announcement said Mr. Rufus J. Wyser and other remaining members of Overseas Consultants Incorporated, United States, Mr. Wyser and assistants were brought to Japan in August at the request of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to study Japanese industrial levels.

Details of their report were not immediately available, and informed quarters in Allied Headquarters would not comment on the probable effect in the final reparations offer. The Japanese, however, pointed out that the obviously brings a final decision closer.

At the original Clifford Strike report on the same subject called for Allied intent terms than the first Allied survey and recommendations on reparations and permanent industrial level. Mr. Strike is head of Overseas Consultants.

Japanese feel that the sooner the reparations picture is clarified they will be better armed to overcome the current difficulties—in which uncertainty over reparations rumors and inflation constitute twin problems—and to achieve domestic

Philippines Reparations

Tokyo, Dec. 30.—The removal by the Philippines of reparations from Japan—the first items to take place country and expected to be delayed late this year—has been delayed because of a ship accident. It was revealed today.

Allied Headquarters officials said as a result it is now possible that either one or other of the claimant nations—China, Holland and the United Kingdom—might become the first to remove reparations from Japan. They said these nations have made arrangements to have their ships call at Japanese ports in the near future.

The Philippines' LST 875 fouled its propeller shortly after leaving Manila for scheduled arrival at Yokosuka around December 20 in order to load reparations, and consequently had to put into Subic Bay to undergo repairs.

Ready had clearance to enter Yokosuka where Allied officials have the reparations items packed and ready for shipment.

Other Ships Ready

The Philippines Embassy in Tokyo said that two other LSTs were being got ready to visit Japan, but it was not known when these ships would be arriving.

The reparations items earmarked for the Philippines and awaiting shipment consist of 500 to 600 machine tools and secondary metal working machinery formerly belonging to Japanese arsenals.

SCAP officials pointed out that under the Far Eastern Commission directive the problem of transporting reparations from Japan is entirely up to claimant nations. They said there had been no priority in preparing for the transportation of goods—tools, dynamo, machinery and plants, general machinery and chemical equipment—which are to be removed under the advanced reparations programme for countries damaged by Japanese aggression.

Brig-Gen W. K. Harrison, Jr., Chief of SCAP's reparations section, reported SCAP had recently declared additional Japanese army equipment in former Japanese army and naval arsenals available for allocation to the four claimant nations.

5,000 Items

Previous allocations in the advanced reparations programme had consisted of about 10,000 machine tools and secondary metal working machinery to former Japanese arsenals. Up to the early part of December, reparations delegates of the four nations had inspected the equipment allocated to them in seven of 17 plants and submitted claims for 5,280 items from a total of 9,745 inspected.

The new equipment made available include most of the remaining types in arsenals. In general it consists of all movable machinery except special purpose equipment solely designed for war, equipment in authorised use for the occupation and certain other types exemplified by the FEC policy.

Brig-Gen Harrison said the advanced allocations would not exceed 30 percent of equipment located in approximately 90 former army and naval arsenals with their several hundred subordinate dispersal areas.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

On Thursday, January 1, 1948, the General Post Office and Crown Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The other branch offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and registered order only will be entirely closed.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels may be sent by air mail up to 10 a.m. registered and parcels may be sent by air mail up to 10 a.m. Closing Times By Air

Manila, P.I., 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Liuchow and Kunming, 3.30 p.m.
Peking, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Canton, Liuchow and Kunming, 3.30 p.m.
Hankow, Canton, Liuchow and Kunming, 3.30 p.m.

Manila (Sea) 3 p.m.
Swatow & Fuzhou (Sea) Noon.
Macao, Canton, Liuchow & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.
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Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America (Sea) 3 p.m.
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 4 p.m.
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Commission Leaves For Korea

Lake Success, Dec. 30.—The 27-member secretarial staff of the U.N. Temporary Commission on Korea will leave New York by plane on Friday.

A U.N. spokesman said the first meeting of the Commission on Korea will be held in Seoul on January 14. The Secretariat staff will fly via Tokyo. It is expected to reach Seoul on January 8.

The Commission itself is expected to reach Seoul simultaneously. One of its initial tasks will be to create the machinery for and supervise national elections, which will result in establishing a Korean constituent assembly. The U.N. Assembly resolution stipulated the elections must be held by March 31. The Commission was constituted as a nine-nation body, but its number was reduced to eight by the refusal of the Soviet Ukraine to accept appointment.

Five member nations have named their representatives. They are: S. H. Jackson of Australia, Yu Wan-liu of China, Jean Louis Paul Boncour of France, Senator Milicio Arranz of the Philippines and Dr. Zaki al-Dib of Syria.

The Secretariat staff is headed by Dr. Victor Hoo of China, Assistant Secretary-General of U.N. for trusteeship affairs.

The Commission, constituted to lay the groundwork for the independence of Korea, faces a major problem in what to do about North Korea. The Soviet Union, which occupies that half of the nation, has indicated it will not permit the Commission to operate there. The Southern section is operated by U.S. forces.—Associated Press.

DOG RESCUES TWO BOYS

Ile of Wight, Dec. 30.—"Laddie", a five-year golden retriever, swam more than 50 yards in the Solent to rescue two boys drifting helplessly in a dinghy.

Laddie belongs to a resident of Ashlake, Fishbourne, Isle of Wight. The two boys, aged six and 12, pushed a dinghy afloat in Fishbourne Creek. Before they could jump out, the tide had carried them out 50 yards.

They tried to guide the boat with a piece of wood but it drifted helplessly.

Laddie heard the boy's cries for help and swam to the drifting dinghy. The boys grabbed his collar and Laddie towed the dinghy to shore.—Reuter.

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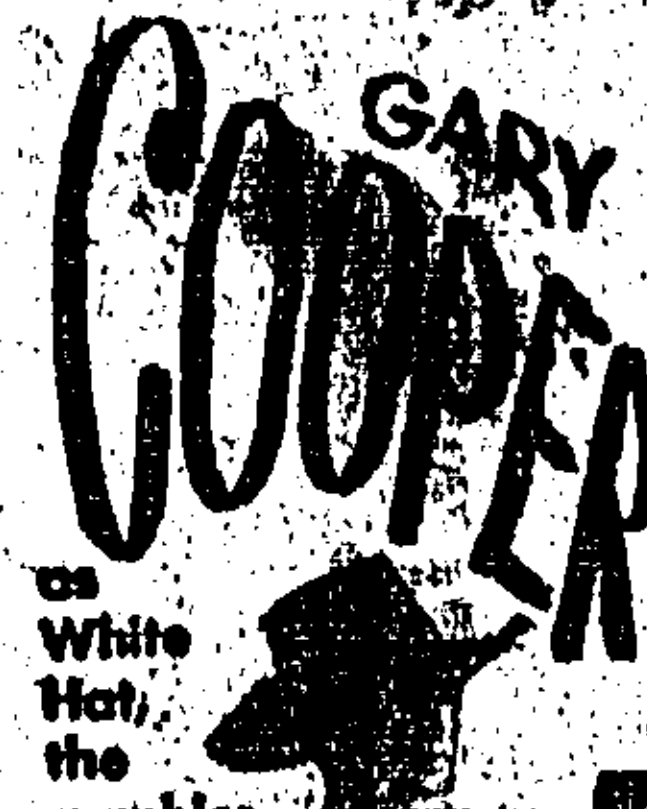
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